Meeting

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF ELDER ABUSE

Minutes for Regular Meeting

<u>Place</u>

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Date/Time

August 20, 2021 10:30-11:30 AM

Speakers/Guests

Robyn James of Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A) presented a project status update on the establishment of an elder abuse shelter for older adults.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by Todd Hughes, General Counsel, Alabama Department of Senior Services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Virginia Bell to approve minutes from the June 25, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Legislative & Advocacy CommitteeNo update.

Community Outreach Committee

No update.

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Robyn James, of Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A), presented an update on M4A's Center for Elder Justice and Advocacy (C4EJA) project. M4A has recently started a non-profit program called the 4ALL Foundation which is made up of the Elder Justice & Advocacy Center, the Critical Needs Center, and the Aging Training Center. The center will provide support services to elderly victims of abuse, elder justice services, caregiver and adult respite services, emergency shelter, and professional and community training services.

The program will be launched in Shelby County where the center will be located, and a kickoff program is scheduled for September 1, 2021. The Area Agency is also looking to start a caregiver and adult daycare/respite program next year followed by the opening of a temporary emergency shelter in 2023. The adult daycare center is being modeled after a center in Tuscaloosa called Caring Days, which has received national acknowledgement.

M4A has conducted extensive research, held focus groups, and established new partnerships in order to be able to properly address the needs of the elderly and their caregivers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

The next meeting is scheduled for October 22nd at 10:30 AM via ZOOM.